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# CALIFORNIA WILD FLOWER

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LESTER ROWNTREE

RURAL ROUTE NO. 1, BOX 178  
CARMEL, CALIFORNIA, U. S. A.

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## PLEASE READ BEFORE ORDERING

In California sow wild flower seed at the beginning of the rainy season. If the land can be watered, seed may be sown up to the end of April. In eastern gardens sow in Spring as soon as the ground is workable. Rake the seed lightly into ground which has been dug or plowed and then smoothed over.

For the present it is necessary for me to manage alone and other work has to be done to keep the seed business going. Therefore I must limit order-filling to the months of September, October, November, February and March. All orders will be acknowledged when received.

Postage is prepaid in U.S.A. only. Seeds are insured only at the customer's request. As valuable orders have been lost in the mail I take no responsibility for safe carriage. Terms are cash with order or I will send C.O.D. if one-third is paid as a deposit. Please use enclosed order blank.

I send honest seed but because I cannot control the growing condition of this seed I give no guarantee of behavior. The smallest acceptable order is fifty cents. Though some species in the last catalog are out of stock, that list still holds good. I have small quantities of many unlisted species.

Seeds 25 cts per packet unless otherwise indicated.

Trade packets. 50 cts.

Prices subject to change.

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The following SHRUBS are evergreen except where marked d. for deciduous. Some shrub seeds are sent out in the pod as they lose their vitality when shelled.

**ARCTOSTAPHYLOS FRANCISCANA, Laurel Hill Cemetery Manzanita.** Creeper.

" **HOOKERI.** Dwarf. Small bright green leaf.

" **PATULA, Green Manzanita.** 6 ft.

" **PUMILA, Sandmat.** Small gray leaf. Creeper.

" **TOMENTOSA, Woollyleaf Manzanita.** 4 ft.

" **UVA-URSI, Bearberry.** Green leaved, red berried creeper.

**BERBERIS AQUIFOLIUM, Oregon Grape.** Shiny green leaves, blue berries. 5 ft.

" **NEVINII, Nevin Barberry.** Gray foliage, red berries. 5 ft.

" **NERVOSA, Longleaf Mahonia.** Glossy green leaves, blue berries. 2 ft.

" **PINNATA, Shingleleaf Mahonia.** Blue berries. 3 ft.

**CARPENTERIA californica, Bush Anemone.** Large white flowers. 6 ft.

**CEANOTHUS** are notorious hybridizers and it has been necessary, this year, to collect some seed from wild flower gardens. This seed may produce hybrids but as wild lilac hybrids are more vigorous than their types and are often extremely interesting and lovely, I do not consider this a drawback. Field collected seed is marked with an asterisk.

**CEANOTHUS ARBOREUS, Catalina Wild Lilac.** Blue. 15 ft.

" **ARBOREUS hybrids.** Various shades of blue. 12 ft.

" **BLUE CLOUD.** A named hybrid. Lovely. 9 ft.

\* " **CRASSIFOLIUS, Hoaryleaf Ceanothus.** One of the best of the whites. 8 ft.

" **CYANEUS, San Diego Ceanothus.** Deep blue. Ragged and short lived. 8 ft.

\* " **DENTATUS, Crophleaf Ceanothus.** Blue. 4 ft.

\* " **DENTATUS VAR. FLORIBUNDUS.** Blue. Prostrate to 2 ft. Makes wide mats.

" **DIVERGENS, Calistoga Ceanothus.** Blue. Wide. 3 ft.

\* " **FOLIOSUS, Wavyleaf Ceanothus.** Blue. 3 ft.

" **FOLIOSUS VAR. VINEATUS.** Blue. Wide. Prostrate to 2 ft.

- CEANOTHUS GLORIOSUS**, Point Reyes **Ceanothus**. Blue. Prostrate to 1 ft.
- " **GLORIOSUS**, VAR. **EXALTATUS**. Navarro **Ceanothus**. Blue. 5 ft.
- " **GLORIOSUS**, hybrid. Blue. Very fine. 4 ft.
- \* " **GRISEUS**, Carmel **Ceanothus**. Blue. 6 ft.
- \* " **GRISEUS**, VAR. **HORIZONTALIS**. Blue. Very wide. Prostrate to 1 ft.
- " **IMPRESSUS**, Santa Barbara **Ceanothus**. Blue. 4 ft.
- " **INCANUS**, Coast Whitethorn. White. 6 ft.
- " **LEMMONII**, Lemmon **Ceanothus**. Blue. 3 ft.
- \* " **LEUCODERMIS**, Chaparral Whitethorn. Various shades of blue. 8 ft.
- " **LOBBIANUS**, Lobb **Ceanothus**. Blue. 5 ft.
- " **MASONII**, Bolinas **Ceanothus**. Blue. 4 ft.
- \* " **MEGACARPUS**, Bigpod **Ceanothus**. White. 9 ft.
- " **MENDOCINENSIS**, Mendocino **Ceanothus**. Natural hybrid. Blue. 5 ft.
- " **MOUNT VISION**. Blue. Prostrate. Wide.
- " **OLIGANTHUS**, Hairy **Ceanothus**. Various shades of blue. 7 ft.
- \* " **PAPILLOSUS**, Wartleaf **Ceanothus**. Blue. 8 ft.
- " **PAPILLOSUS** VAR. **ROWEANUS**, Mount Tranquillon **Ceanothus**. Blue. 4 ft.
- " **PARRYI**, Parry **Ceanothus**. Blue. 9 ft.
- \* " **PROSTRATUS**, Squaw Carpet. Blue. Prostrate. Not easy to grow.
- \* " **PUMILUS**, Siskiyou Mat. Lilac blue. Prostrate.
- " **PURPUREUS**, Hollyleaf **Ceanothus**. Blue. 3 ft.
- " **RAMULOSUS**, Coast **Ceanothus**. Lilac blue. 4 ft.
- " **RAMULOSUS**, VAR. **FASCICULARIS**, Lompoc **Ceanothus**. Lilac blue. 3 ft.
- \* " **RIGIDUS**, Monterey **Ceanothus**. Lilac blue. 3 ft.
- \* " **RIGIDUS**, VAR. **ALBUS**. Snowy white. Grows with the type and may come lilac.
- " **SOREDIIATUS**, Jim Brush. Various shades of blue. 5 ft.
- " **SPINOSUS**, Greenbark **Ceanothus**. Pale blue. 10 ft.
- " **SPINOSUS**, THEODORE PAYNE. Named hybrid. Blue. 7 ft.
- " **THYRSIFLORUS**, Blue Blossom. Various shades of blue. 9 ft.
- " **THYRSIFLORUS** VAR. **REPENS**, Creeping Blue Blossom. Wide. Prostrate.
- " **TOMENTOSUS** VAR. **OLIVACEUS**. Blue. 6 ft.
- " **VERRUCOSUS**, Wartystem **Ceanothus**. White. Early bloomer. 5 ft.
- " **VEITCHIANUS**, Veitch **Ceanothus**. Various shades of blue. 5 ft.
- COMAROSTAPHYLIS DIVERSIFOLIA**, Summer Holly. Gorgeous claret-rose berries. 10 ft.
- CUPRESSUS GOVENIANA**, Gowen's Cypress. Very wide. 8 ft.
- DENDROMECON RIGIDA**. Tree Poppy. Large yellow flowers. 6 ft.
- FALLUGIA PARADOXA**, Apache Plume. d. Large white flowers. Decorative seed plumes. 5 ft.
- FREMONTIA MEXICANA**, Southern Fremontia. Golden flower-bowls. 7 ft.
- " **CALIFORNICA** VAR. **NAPENSIS**, Napa Fremontia. Light yellow flowers.
- GARRY ELLIPTICA**, Coast Silktassel. Long and attractive catkins. 5 ft.
- HOLODISCUS DISCOLOR**, Creambush. d. Creamy spirea-like flowers. 4 ft.
- ISOMERIS ARBOREA**, Bladder Pod. Yellow flowers. 4 ft.
- LAVATERA ASSURGENTIFLORA**, Tree mallow. Cyclamen-purple flowers. 8 ft.
- RHAMMUS CALIFORNICA**, Coffeeberry. Black berries. 5 ft.
- " **CROCEA**, Redberry. Wide bush. 3 ft.
- " **CROCEA ILICIFOLIA**, Hollyleaf Redberry. 9 ft.

**RHUS INTEGRIFOLIA**, Lemonade berry. Good looking and useful. 6 ft.

" **TRILOBATA**, Squaw Bush. d. Red berries. 4 ft.

**RIBES AUREUM**, Golden Currant. d. Red berries. 4 ft.

" **AUREUM**, Golden Currant. d. Yellow berries. 4 ft.

" **MALVACEUM**, Chaparral Currant. d. Pink flowers. Black berries. 5 ft.

" **SANGUINEUM**, Winter Currant. d. Pink flowers. Blue berries. 5 ft.

" **SPECIOSUM**, Fuchsia Flowering Gooseberry. Crimson flowers. 6 ft.

**ROMNEYA COULTERI**, Matilija Poppy. Huge white flowers. 7 ft.

**ROSA GYMNOCARPA**, Redwood Rose. Dainty. 3 ft.

### PERENNIALS

**ABRONIA LATIFOLIA**, Yellow Sand-Verbena. Fragrant creeper.

" **UMBELLATA**, Seaside-Verbena. Pink creeper. Sandy soil.

" **HYBRID** of above abronias. Leaf like a umbellata. Pale yellow flowers.

**AQUILEGIA TRUNCATA**, Red-and-Yellow Columbine.

**ARABIS BLEPHAROPHYLLA**, Rose Cress. Pink. Neat low plant.

**ARMERIA VULGARIS**, Pink Thrift. 1 ft.

**CAMPANULA PRENANTHOIDES**, Californian Hare-bell. Perky small blue flower.  
Shade. 1 ft.

**CLINTONIA ANDREWSIANA**, Pink flowers, lapis-lazuli berries. Shade. 1 ft.

**COREOPSIS GIGANTEA**, Island Sea Dahlia. Thick bare trunk capped by clusters  
of yellow daisies. Unique for coastal garden. 4 ft.

**CORETHROGYNE CALIFORNICA**, Seaside aster. Lilac-pink. Procumbent.

**CYNOGLOSSUM GRANDE**, Blue anchusa-like flowers. Shade. 2 ft.

**DIPLACUS AURANTIACUS**, Northern Monkey-flower. Yellow. 3 ft.

" **LONGIFLORUS VAR. GRANDIFLORUS**. Large pale apricot flowers. 1 ft.

" **PUNICEUS**, Red Monkeyflower. 2 ft.

" **HYBRIDS**, Shades of dawn and golden-pinks. 2 ft.

**ENCELIA FARINOSA**. Yellow daisy flowers. Gray foliage. 3 ft.

" **FRUTESCENS VAR. ACTONII**. Gray foliage. Yellow flowers. 3 ft.

**ERIGERON GLAUCUS**. Seaside Daisy. Large lavender flowers. 10 inches.

**ERIOGONUM ARBORESCENS**, Santa Cruz Island Buckwheat. Wide clusters of  
gray-pink. 4 ft.

" **CROCATUM**. Silvery leaves. Maroon buds. Chartreuse flowers. 9 inches.

" **GIGANTEUM**, Saint Catherine's Lace. Immense flat flower clusters of  
ashes-of-roses. Excellent for cutting. 7 ft.

" **PARVIFOLIUM**, Seacliff Buckwheat. Shades of neyron rose. 2 ft.

" **RUBESCENS**, Santa Rosa Island Buckwheat. Raspberry red and pink.  
Procumbent.

**ERIOPHYLLUM LANATUM**, Oregon Daisy. Yellow. Sometimes biennial. 10 inches.

**ERYSIMUM ASPERUM**, Western Wallflower. Yellow. Sometimes biennial. 2 ft.  
10 cts.

" **ASPERUM VAR. PERENNE**. Lemon-yellow perennial. 10 inches.

" **CAPITATUM**, Seaside Wallflower. Large flowers of deep cream. Some-  
times biennial. 8 inches.

**ESCHSCHOLTZIA CALIFORNICA**, Californian Poppy. Orange. 18 inches. 10 cts.

" **MARITIMA**, Seaside Poppy. Silvery foliage, yellow flowers with orange  
centers. Prostrate.

**HEUCHERA MICRANTHA**, Alum Root. Creamy saxifrage-like flowers. Good ground-  
cover in shade. 18 inches.

**IRIS DOUGLASIANA**. Attractive foliage. Purple flowers. 2 ft.

" **LONGIPETALA**, Coast Iris. Silvery-blue flowers. 18 inches.



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**LUPINUS ALBIFRONS, Bush Lupin.** Blue flowers. 3 ft.

" **ARBOREUS, Bush Lupin.** Light yellow flowers. Coastal. 3 ft.

" **ARBOREUS, Bush Lupin.** Rich yellow flowers.

" **ARBOREUS, Bush Lupin.** Blue flowers.

" **CHAMISSONIS.** Silky gray foliage. Blue flowers. 2 ft.

**MIMULUS GUTTATUS, Golden Monkeyflower.** 2 ft.

**OENOTHERA HOOKERI, Evening Primrose.** Large flowers of exquisite yellow. 3 ft.

**OXALIS OREGANA.** Low ground-cover for shade. Pale pink flowers.

**PAEONIA BROWNII, Western Peony.** Dark maroon-red flowers. 1 ft.

**PENSTEMON CYANEUS, Idaho Beard-tongue.** Blue. 18 inches.

" **FRUTICOSUS, Wyoming Beard-tongue.** Violet-purple. 2 ft.

" **HETEROPHYLLUS, Hillside Beard-tongue.** Blue. 18 inches.

" **LABROSUS, Forest Beard-tongue.** Crimson-red. 18 inches.

" **LAETUS VAR. ROEZLII, Mountain Beard-tongue.** Blue. 18 inches.

**SALVIA BRANDEGII.** More decorative than black sage. Pale lavender flowers. 3 ft.

" **LEUCOPHYLLA.** A lower form of the Purple Sage type. Lilac-blue. 2½ ft.

" **SPATHACEA, Crimson Sage.** Will take some shade. 2 ft.

**SISYRINCHIUM BELLUM, Blue-eyed Grass.** Dark blue. 1 ft.

**STANLEYA PINNATA, Desert Plume.** Yellow flowers. 4 ft.

**THERMOPSIS MACROPHYLLA.** Resembles yellow lupin. 2 ft.

**TRICHOSTEMA LANATUM, Woolly Bluecurls.** Fragrant and lovely. 3 ft.

**YUCCA ELATA, Arizona Yucca.** Waxy white flower-bells. 8 ft.

" **GLAUCA, Montana Yucca.** Flower-bells of green-white. 5 ft.

" **WHIPPLEI, Our Lord's Candle.** Creamy bells. 10 ft.

Seed mixture of perennials 1.25 per ounce.

#### **BULBS**

**BRODIAEA CONGESTA.** Blue. 18 inches.

" **HYACINTHINA.** Loose heads of white flowers. 1 ft.

" **IXIOIDES, Golden Brodiaea.** Umbels of yellow star-flowers. 10 inches.

**CALOCHORTUS ALBUS, Fairy Lantern.** Nodding pearl-white flowers. 1 ft.

**ZYGADENUS FREMONTII, Star Zygadene.** Many white flowers on 18 in. stalk.

Early bloomer.

#### **SELF-SOWING CALIFORNIAN ANNUALS**

**BAILEYA MULTIRADIATA.** Good yellow daisy for warm spots. 10 inches. 10 cts.

**BRIZA MAXIMA, Quaking Grass.** Good for flower arrangements. Increases rapidly. 18 inches. 10 cts.

" **MINOR.** Dainty edition of above. 8 inches.

**CLARKIA PULCHELLA VAR. ALBA.** One of the loveliest white annuals. 1 ft. 10 cts.

**CORREOPSIS MARITIMA, Sea Dahlia.** Huge glistening single flowers. Splendid. 18 inches.

**ERIOGONUM DASYANTHEMUM.** Makes a mat of feathery pink. 1 ft.

**GILIA CAPITATA, Blue Gilia.** 18 inches. 10 cts.

" **LEPTOMERIA, Tooth-leaved Gilia.** Dainty pale pink flowers. 8 inches.

**GODETIA AMOENA, Summer's Darling.** Large rhodamine purple flower bowls. 1 ft.

**LINANTHUS ANDROSACEUS.** A dainty species with flowers in many lovely shades. 6 inches.

**LUPINUS DENSIFLORUS.** Lavender flowers. 1 ft.

" **NANUS.** Common blue lupin resembling Texas Blue Bonnet. 10 in. 10 cts.

" **SUCCULENTUS.** Rich purple-blue flowers. 18 inches. 10 cts.

**MENTZELIA LINDLEYI, Blazing Star.** Yellow flowers like St. John's Wort. 18 in. 10 cts.

**NEMOPHILA INSIGNIS, Baby Blue Eyes.** 6 inches. 10 cts.

**ORTHOCARPUS PURPURASCENS, Owl's Clover.** Deep cyclamen purple flowers. 9 inches.

**PAPAVER HETEROPHYLLUM, Wind Poppy.** Tangerine flowers with maroon centers. Exquisite. 18 inches.

**PHACELIA MINOR VAR. CAMPANULARIA, Californian Blue-bell.** Tubular French blue flowers. 18 inches. 10 cts.

" **VISCIDA.** White-centered saucer-shaped flowers of cobalt blue. 2 ft. 10 cts

**PLATYSTEMON CALIFORNICUS, Cream-cups.** 6 inches.

ANNUALS of which I have only a small amount have gone into a mixture of twenty species. Oz. 45 cts; ½lb. 2.75; lb. 5.00. The same mixture, not so well cleaned. Oz 40 cts; ½lb 2.25; lb. 4.00.

Here is a seed list of **EXOTIC SPECIES AND HYBRIDS** which, like most Californian natives, are able to come quite happily through several weeks of abandon. The seed of these wild flowers of other countries has been collected from self-sows in a neglected garden. With the coming of rain, scatter the seed where the plants are to grow. In order to become established stands they may need some water the first summer. Perennials unless otherwise stated.

**ARCTOTIS SPECIOSA HYBRIDS, Africa.** In shades of gold, copper, rust, red. 2 ft.

**BIDENS GRANDIFLORA, Mexico.** A ferny-leaved, yellow, annual daisy. 18 inches.

**CAMPANULA ROTUNDIFOLIA, Harebell, Bluebell.** Europe and Northern U.S.A. 1 ft.

**DIGITALIS PURPUREA, Foxglove.** European biennial. 5 ft.

" **PURPUREA ALBA, Foxglove.** European biennial. 5 ft.

**ERYSIMUM LINIFOLIUM, Spain.** A bushy mauve wallflower. 1 ft.

**FELICIA AMELLOIDES, Christmas Daisy, Africa.** Blue. 18 inches.

" **AETHIOPICA, Africa.** Brighter blue flowers.

**GERANIUM PRATENSE, Wild Geranium, Europe.** Large flax-blue flowers. 18 inches.

**GLAUCIUM FLAVUM, mixed, Horned Poppy, Europe.** Yellow, orange-red. 2½ ft.

**HALIMIUM HALIMIFOLIUM, Yellow Rock Rose.** European shrub with gray-white foliage. 3 ft.

**HELIANTHEMUM TUBERARIA, Europe.** Sprays of light yellow flowers. 4 inches.

**HOMERIA COLLINA.** African bulb. Shrimp-pink, prettily centered flowers. 2 ft.

**IBERIS GIBALTARICA, Lilac Candytuft, Spain.** 10 inches.

**LAVANDULA.** A mixture of five European lavenders. 1 to 3 ft. 50 cts.

**LINARIA HYBRID, L. alpina x L. bipartita, Europe.** Annual Toadflax in shades of yellow, purple and brown. 10 inches.

**LINUM CAMPANULATUM, Europe.** Loose heads of flaky maize-yellow flowers. 3 ft.

**NARCISSUS BULBOCODIUM, Hoop-petticoat Daffodil.** European bulb. Yellow. 9 inches. 50 cts.

**PAPAVER PILOSUM, Europe.** A salmon-apricot poppy. 2 ft.

**SISYRINCHIUM STRIATUM (?), South America.** A creamy flowered blue-eyed-grass. 18 inches.

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These two books written and carried by Lester Rowntree may help you to grow Californian natives.

**"Flowering Shrubs of California and Their Value to the Gardener".**

**"Hardy Californians".**